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THE KINGS LETTER

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By the King.

OVR Trustie & Beloued: Wee doubt not, but that in the sequel of those proceedings which haue passed, since the death of the late King Our most honored Lord, and Father, you haue euidently obserued, how Marshall *D' Ancre* and his wife, abusing Our minoritie, and the power which of long time hee possessed with the Queene our most

moſt honoured Lady and Mother, did practice to vſurpe the whole authoritie of our State, to diſpoſe abſolutely of all affaires, and to remooue all meanes, from our comming to the knowledge or vnderſtanding thereof; A diſſeigne which they ſo wrought and effected, that hitherto Wee carried but onely the bare Name, and title of a King: They condemning it as a capitall crime in any of our Officers or Subiects (when they did viſite vs in particular) to entertaine vs with any ſerious diſcourſe. Which God of his infinite bountie giuing Vs the grace at laſt to diſcerne, and pointing out vnto Vs as it were with his omnipotent finger, the imminent perill that hung ouer Our perſon, and State, through ſuch an inſatiable and irregular ambition; Wee gaue teſtimonie at length of our apprehenſion in this point, and of the ſingular deſire Wee had, to take requiſite and due order for the ſame: Yet were Wee enforced in all our exterior actions, to diſguiſe and couer that, which inwardly in heart Wee determin'd and reſolued vpon, while it might pleaſe the ſame our good GOD to open Vs a fit way, and conuenient opportunitie, to apply thereunto ſome preualent remedy. Vpon

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theſe intentions, not many daies ſince, it fel out, that ſundry perſons, both of Our capitall Citie of Paris, as alſo others of diuerſe parts of Our Kingdome, taking occaſion, of the ſaid Marſhall *D' Ancre* his abſence (who was gone into Normandie, vvith a deliberation there to ſoiourne for ſome time) addreſſed them-ſelues to the Queene Our ſaid Lady & Mother, and to ſuch Miniſters as the ſaid Marſhall and his wife had eſtabliſhed, (who vnder them, at their will and pleaſure, ſhould carry and ſway all proceedings within this State) and effectually layd open their reaſons to them, why it was moſt neceſſary and expedient, that Wee our ſelfe ſhould readily and ſeriouſly aſſume the ſole Adminiſtration of our weightie affaires; otherwiſe, that our Realme which now began to riſe and reuolt in all parts by meanes of this vvant and defect, could not auoyde an abſolute and lamentable ſubuerſion.

Whereof Marſhall *D' Ancre* hauing been aduertiſed, and returning with all expedition, began to employ his power and policy, not onely to ſtop the courſe of theſe prouident propoſitions and ouertures, as repugnant to his owne ends, but further he reſolued to depriue

Our ſelfe of all meanes to put them in practice, by certain counſells and courſes, which I think yet more fit to conceale, than publiſh. All which being comne to Our perfect vnderſtanding and notice, and conſidering that beſides the danger of Our perſon, the mortall hatred that almoſt all our good ſubiects and ſeruants did beare towards the vſurped and inſolent authority and gouernement of theſe people, would in ſuch ſort exaſperate, and obdurate, the mindes of men within Our kingdome, as it would be in danger to growe to an vnquenchable flame and combuſtion:

Moued I ſay, by theſe iuſt, and moſt weightie conſiderations, & by the heauenly inſtinct, that God vpon this occaſion put into Our heart: Wee reſolued to ſecure Our ſelfe of the perſon of the ſaide Marſhall *D' Ancre*, giuing expreſſe charge to *Sieur de Vitry* Captaine of Our Guards, to apprehend and arreſt him within Our Caſtle of the Louure. The which Our pleaſure hee intending to put in execution, the ſaid Marſhall (who according to his accuſtomed manner, had many followers about him) himſelfe with ſome other of his company, made offer to reſiſt: wherupon, certaine

bullets were discharged; of which some light on the said Marshall, so as hee remain'd dead vpon the place.

Afterwards, Wee caused his wife to be arrested, and also his aboue mentioned Ministers; hauing furthermore entreated the Queene Our saide Lady and Mother, to bee content that from thenceforward, We might take the gouernement of Our State into Our owne hands, and so labour to diuert from it those extreamities and miseries, whereinto it hath beene plunged, by the siniſter counsels which shee formerly had made vse of. The accomplishment of which businesse Wee hope, God of his gratious goodnes will the more readily grant Vs, in that all our intentions haue no other ayme or scope, but his glorie, and the good of Our subiects. Which We thought good to aduertise you of, to the end you may make it knowne through all your precincts; adding to these formerly specified, any other reasons you shall thinke fit and conuenient, for containing euery man within the bounds of obedience and dutie; Taking vigilant care, that none may rise, or mutine, within Our said territories, & that nothing may disturb the peace,

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and quiet, which We desire to haue maintain'd. But if there be any that haue Complaints, or Requests to make, let them bee assured, that if they repaire to Vs, by those mediations and waies, that subiects ought to vse, when they would petition to their King, they shall alwaies find Vs enclining to whatsoeuer standeth with reason, or iustice.

This Action hath here beene so approued and allowed, that here is nothing but applause, and euery mans benediction vpon Vs for the same, because We attempted it in so due and necessarie a time: and We hope it will receiue no lesse approbation in other places. In the meane while, Wee haue writ to all our Lieutenants, and Generalls of our Armies, to keep them still afoot, that if occasion serue, We may imploy them against those, that will not acknowledge Our soueraigne Authoritie. Wee will shortly dispatch vnto you Letters of instruction more at large. Giuen at *Paris*, this xxiiii. of Aprill. 1617.

Signed: *Lewis.*

And vnderneath: *Pottier.*

The Act of the Court Parliament of Roan, heerevpon ensuing.

THE vvhole Court, and the seuerall Houses therof assembled, doe most expresly enioyne and commaund, conformably to the Kings most excellent Maiestie his vvill and pleasure, signified in his Letters bearing date the xxiiij. of this Moneth; that those of the Garrisons, within the Castles of *Pontdelarch*, *Caen*, and *Quillebeuf*, doe presently make ouer those places into the hands of those exempt, now deputed by his Maiestie, to establish thern in such order, as He hath appointed. And they haue, and doe prohibite all the Kings subiects, either by themselues to worke or to cause any other to labour in the fortifications of the said places, or to bring in any victuall or munition, vpon the vtmost paine and perill of their liues;

All the Iudges, and Officers of the ſaid places beeing heereby enioyned to ſee this executed, and to aduertiſe the ſaid Court of their proceeding heerein. To which end, we haue cauſed this preſent Act to be ſent vnto them, by the Kings Attorny Generall, there to be publiſhed where need ſhall require. Giuen at *Roan* in the ſaid Court of Parliament, the xxvj. of Aprill. 1617.

Signed: *De Bois leveſque.*

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A further Aduertisement.

KNow also good Reader, that it is credibly reported, that the dead corps of the Marshall *D'Ancre* hath vndergone the greatest Indignities and Shame, that can bee inflicted, or proceed from the fury of a vulgar multitude, prouoked to hatred by his Tyranny: *viz.* that being buried obscurely, befitting his baseneſſe, hee was taken vp againe, and dragged through the ſtreets of *Paris* with his face on the ground, vnto the gallowes: where being disfigured and dismembred in moſt shamefull manner, he was as shamefully hanged, and his priuie members nayl'd thereunto. But that satisfied not their rage, vntill they had taken downe his miserable body, and diuided it into many parts (burning some) and disperſing them into diuerſe places; that so his shame, and their indignation towards him, might bee publiſhed into thoſe parts that had felt his tyrannous insolencie in the time of his former greatneſſe and potencie.

And withall, that his Wife beeing imprisoned, hath had her haire shorne off her head, for some probation and triall of her witchcraft: but the effects of that are not yet certified.

FINIS.